

SLEW HIM TO DEFEND HONOR.

Georgia Woman Admits in Court She Killed Uncle.

Calhoun, Ga., March 26.—After Mrs. Charles Chapman told the court that she killed her uncle, Sidney Chapman, because he was guilty of improper conduct toward her, Justice Fox, presiding at her preliminary trial here to-day, ordered the woman's immediate release and she was restored to freedom.

Mrs. Chapman's confession was not unexpected, as her lawyers had announced that she probably would make an important statement in connection with the killing. Last Tuesday morning the body of Sidney Chapman was found outside the door of Mrs. Lizzie Starnes's home. Mrs. Starnes and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Chapman, were arrested as suspects and Charles Chapman later was taken into custody on the same charge.

At the preliminary hearing to-day many witnesses were introduced by the State, some of whom testified that they had heard Mrs. Chapman threaten the life of the dead man.

When the prosecution closed its case late to-day Mrs. Starnes was called as first witness for the defence. She said that she knew nothing of the killing. After a brief consultation by attorneys for the defence, Mrs. Charles Chapman was introduced and made her statement.

Simply and directly she told her story of how she shot her uncle.

To Defend Her Honor.

"It was I who killed Sidney Chapman," she said. "I did it to defend my honor and my good name. He had pursued me and continually thrust his unwelcome attentions on me. I said nothing to my mother, because I knew it would worry her.

"On Friday Sidney came to me and threatened me. That night I loaded the shotgun and set it by my bed.

"Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning Sidney woke me, threatening to kill me if I uttered a word. He told me to follow him, and, in the darkness, I secured the gun.

"Sidney went out the door and into the yard. I didn't follow, and when he turned to come back for me I shot him and he fell dead, outside the door."

As Mrs. Chapman finished, the spectators in the crowded court room cheered. There was renewed applause when Justice Fox ordered her restored to liberty. It was reported here to-night that the matter probably will be presented to the grand jury later.

LEMON STOPS HICCUGHS.

Nervous Complaint of Young Girl Is Cured by a Chance Drink.

Hilda, Caine, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caine, of this village, is on the way to recovery after hiccoughing steadily since last Thanksgiving Day when a ragamuffin frightened her. She had grown steadily weaker under the strain and many physicians had abandoned her case, saying she could not possibly live. Her parents had tried without avail thousands of remedies suggested by correspondents from all parts of the Union who had read of her plight.

A week ago Mrs. Caine responded to her daughter's request by squeezing the juice of a lemon into a glass of cold tea. The drink quenched the girl's thirst and stopped her hiccoughing. Since then she has not suffered and has gained weight.—Union Progress.

DOG WALKED 2,500 MILES.

With Feet Sore and Bleeding, Animal Returned to Olathe, Kansas.

After a walk of two thousand miles, footsore and almost starved, Bonnie, a 3-year-old thoroughbred Scotch collie, returned to Olathe, Kas., Saturday from Vilrico, Fla., and accosted his little master, 8-year-old Phil Pickering, on his way to school. In October, 1912, the dog was given to J. P. Fall, who was leaving Olathe to make his home in Southern Florida.

The dog stayed on the farm with his new owner for two weeks but seemed to be discontented and would eat only occasionally. He left one night, and, although Mr. Fall advertised for him, he could not be found and nothing more was heard from him until he walked into Olathe Saturday. His feet were sore and bleeding and the toe nails were worn off.—Kansas City Star.

Big Price Paid.

London, March 25.—A silver salt cellar, from the late Lord Ashburnham's collection, was sold for \$28,000 at auction yesterday. The treasure, which dates from the period of Henry VIII., is believed to be the earliest standing salt cellar in existence. Its height, with the cover, is 12 1-4 inches, but it weighs only 30 ounces.

A pair of Charles III. bottles sold for \$14,500.

FIRE ON MEXICANS.

Huerta's Soldiers Pursuing Rebels Checked on Border.

Eagle Pass, March 23.—Mexican Federal soldiers, who fired at a defeated constitutionalist force escaping to the United States for safety, met sharp resistance yesterday from United States cavalry of the border patrol at McKee's Crossing, above Del Rio, Texas. When three soldiers held by the American troopers had been shot down the Americans returned the fire across the Rio Grande, and after the exchange of shots the Mexicans withdrew, bearing with them dead and wounded.

No American was hurt. How many of the Mexican soldiers were killed or wounded is not known. Official reports of the occurrence to Col. Sibley, commanding at Fort Clarke here, caused orders for all available cavalry of the border patrol to proceed to Del Rio. One troop and a machine gun platoon left Eagle Pass to-day. Another engagement between Mexican Federals and Constitutionalists is expected tomorrow in the same territory.

Cause of the Clash.

The clash across the international line was precipitated, according to official reports to headquarters here to-day, by persistent firing of the Federals at the fleeing Constitutionalists who had gained American territory and surrendered to United States troops. Three horses held by American cavalry men were killed. For ten minutes Capt. Winterburn, of Troop E, 14th cavalry, signalled to the Federals to cease firing, but reported that his signals were disregarded and his own men were in danger. He then ordered the troopers, to fire and a sharp fusillade followed, lasting about five minutes.

The Constitutionalists defeated Sunday were members of a scouting party led into a trap by the Federals, who earlier in the day had captured Las Vacas, opposite Del Rio. They abandoned the town, but returned suddenly to attack the rebel scouts. About forty-five Constitutionalists were cut off by three Federals at McKee's Crossing, on the Rio Grande, where the rebels put up a stubborn resistance until overpowered by numbers. They then began retreating across the river to the American side, where Capt. Winterburn's detachment of cavalymen was on duty to preserve the neutrality laws.

Of the forty-five Constitutionalists only twenty-seven reached the Texas bank. Several were killed in the water, their bodies floating down stream.

There was no further trouble and it was said here that the additional troops were ordered to Del Rio because of the battle expected to-morrow.

A force of about 700 Constitutionalists was reported advancing from the southwest to Las Vacas, where the Federal command is now stationed. A rebel company that had been encamped opposite Langtry, Tex., is also moving down the river toward Las Vacas.

Only Two Troopers Engaged.

San Antonio, Texas, March 23.—Only two United States troopers engaged in the exchange of shots yesterday with Mexican Federal soldiers at McKee's crossing, according to the official report of Capt. George W. Winterburn, who was in command of the detachment of the 14th cavalry stationed at that point. The bullets fired by the cavalymen were effective, however, and the Mexicans soon were put to flight.

Capt. Winterburn's report was received at Fort Sam Houston, headquarters of the Southern department of the United States army, to-night. He confirmed previous dispatches with regard to the incident, declaring that it was only after three horses had been killed on the American side of the border that the order to return the fire was given. Capt. Winterburn stated that the detail was made up of eight men and that while two of the men engaged the Mexican soldiers, the others rounded up the fugitives as they reached the Texas side of the Rio Grande. His report did not say as to the casualties on the Mexican side. None of the United States soldiers were hurt.

MOUNTAIN SHAKEN DOWN.

Earthquake Takes Off Whole Side of French Peak.

Brive, France, March 29.—A large section of a mountain near here has become detached by seismic disturbances and is sliding down into a valley, sweeping over everything in its path. Already a number of farms and cottages have been blotted out. Heavy rumblings indicate that the mass is gaining impetus and inhabitants are fleeing from their homes. Government engineers are seeking a means to limit the extent of the disaster.

Big line of tablets and pencils at Herald Book Store.

CLAIMS JACKSON'S VASE.

Jas. McKee Says He Is Last Survivor of Mexican War.

Washington, March 25.—Senator Tillman recently received a letter from James McKee, of Fall River, Kansas, claiming the celebrated Andrew Jackson vase, which now reposes at Columbia, where it awaits final assignment under the terms of the will of Andrew Jackson, Jr., who directed that it be turned over to the last surviving South Carolina veteran of the Mexican war.

The provisions as to the disposal of the vase according to the will of President Jackson himself were somewhat indefinite, and his son decided that the best solution would be to award the memorial to the last survivor. The passage in the will of "Old Hickory" which refers to the vase is interesting to all South Carolinians because it specifically mentions the Palmetto State as the native State of the testator, and to Charlestonians in particular because the vase was presented by the ladies of that city. Here is the exact language:

"The gold box presented to me by the corporation of the city of New York, the large silver vase presented to me by the ladies of Charleston, South Carolina, my native State, with the large picture representing the unfurling of the American banner, presented to me by the citizens of South Carolina when it was refused to be accepted by the United States senate, I leave in trust to my son, A. Jackson, Jr., with directions that should our happy country not be blessed with peace, an event not always to be expected, he will at the close of the war or end of the conflict present each of said articles of inestimable value to that patriot residing in the city or State from which they were presented who shall be adjudged by his countrymen or the ladies to have been the most valiant in defence of his country and our country's rights."

Senator Tillman made inquiry of the commissioner of pensions and was informed that three persons now residing in South Carolina are on the Federal pension rolls as veterans of the Mexican war. The senator wrote McKee to this effect, explaining that the younger Jackson's will directs that the vase go to the last survivor.

How South Carolinians Stand.

Washington, March 27.—Three members of the South Carolina delegation in the house to-day voted with the president in the test ballot on the rule to limit debate on the bill to repeal the exemption clause of the Panama Tolls Act. These three were Messrs. Whaley, Johnson and Lever.

Representative Byrnes, who is quite sick with an abscess in his ear, though not regarded by his physician as dangerously ill, was unable to be present. He was paired in favor of the rule. The three remaining members of the delegation, Representatives Finley, Aiken and Ragsdale, voted against the rule, indicating that they will vote against repeal also.

The close shave on the adoption of the rule was a test of administration strength on the repeal proposition, and proves that the margin of safety was by no means so large as many have been saying. In spite of Secretary Bryan's statement to-day that he is with the president on all points in the matter some of the shrewdest observers declare that the repeal bill will not be passed by congress in its present shape. They think it will be amended or blocked in the senate.

The viewpoint of the South Carolinians who declared themselves against the rule to-day is given as follows in the words of Congressman Finley, who voted against exemption two years ago:

"When the vote was cast in May of 1912 against exemption there was no plank on the subject in the democratic platform. But after Mr. Bryan and the platform committee put it in the platform I stood by it. I always regard a party platform as a declaration of party principles. In addition to this, when I became a candidate for congress in 1912 I signed a pledge which I understood then, and understand now, as binding me to support the party platform. I have no personal feeling about the matter and this talk about fighting the president is nonsense."

Presence of Mind.

A tramp called at Mr. Cobb's house one morning.

"I've walked many miles to see you, sir," he said, "because people told me you were very kind to poor unfortunate fellows like me."

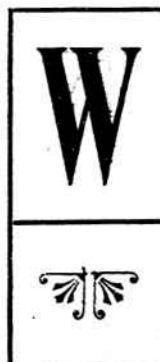
"Indeed!" said the old gentleman. "And are you going back the same way?"

"Yes, sir," was the answer. "Well," said Mr. Cobb, "Just contradict that rumor as you go, will you?—Good morning!"—Lippincott's.

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